

DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below under my name.

We believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "NESTED CONDITIONAL RELATIONS (NCR) MODEL AND ALGEBRA," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 1, 2001 and assigned application number 09/921,446, which application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application number 60/222,070, filed August 1, 2000.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification and claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.


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